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"TALENT's" REACTIONS TO REFUSAL OF LARGE-SCALE AID.

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ANTON[i] has informed TALENT [TALANT][ii] of the impossibility of large-scale one-time aid. Just as we expected, TALENT took this announcement exceptionally morbidly. TALENT considers that his request has not been conveyed to the leadership [RUKOVODSTVO] of the HOUSE [DOM][iii]. He declared that the refusal to help him set up a laboratory or manufacturing business has been repeated several times. He had addressed himself to ~~approached~~ GENNADIJ[iv], STOCK [SHTOK][v] and ANTON. With irritation he stated that the materials handed over by him on one question alone - oil, by his estimate had yielded the Union a saving of millions during past years and the aid requested by him was trifling. In a lengthy talk he said that his help to us was the result of his views on the Union and that he would meet us ~~seriously~~ [.] He emphasised that in future he ~~reckons to have~~ extensive dealings with people and firms and consequently it is impossible to expect much help from him. If he received information about the prospect of work [8 groups unrecovered] impossible, he will regard this as an attempt to get rid of him altogether. We shall continue meetings.

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MAY [MAJ][vi]

[Comments overleaf]

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Comments: [i] ANTON: Leonid Romanovich KVASNIKOV.

[ii] TALANT: William Marias MALISOFF.

[iii] DOM: unidentified. Probably an MGB authoritative body in MOSCOW.

[iv] GENNADIJ: unidentified. This reference confirms that the covername GENNADIJ was used by an operational worker in the NEW YORK area as well as by the MOSCOW signatory who is thought to have been VIKTOR's deputy. Gajk Fedorovich ONAKIM Y, 11

[v] SHOK: Mikhael A. SHALYAPIN.

[vi] MAJ: probably Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN.

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